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Family that he pleased as his successor, and as Tunc-ort has left no children, it is rather difficult to surmise on whom the purple will really fall. Hsin-Fu was the fourth son of his predecessor, and his older brothers were passed over by their father without scruple. It was thought when Hsin-Fu died Prince Kuo was likely to succeed him, to the exclusion of the infant Prince his son. But English hopes were disappointed, the child proclaimed Emperor, and a Regency established. Prince Kuo stands no better chance now, we fear. The advisors of the late Emperor were hostile to him, and though his succession would be regarded with pleasure by foreigners generally, and great masses of his countrymen, the event is highly improbable. But we trust the Prince upon whom the royal mantle has fallen, whoever he may be, will prove worthy of the honour, and show a little more vigour than the Princes of the Mongolian dynasty have been wont to display. As a rule, they have surrendered themselves to the enjoyment of low and sensual pleasures, leaving the State to be governed by men whose single object was to wring as much as possible out of the poor and oppressed people. Jealous alike of all interference, foreign or native, these princes and officials have made it their ancestral unwavering policy to exclude the monarch and render him inaccessible. And until the Imperial seat is occupied by a man who possesses a mind and will of his own, and who is not the slave of his base passions, there is small hope of China making much more rapid progress, moral or material.

When the hundred days of mourning appointed to follow the death of the Emperor in China are added the memory of Tunc-ort will have almost faded from the minds of men. Though he reigned over nearly four hundred millions of the human race he was practically but a name. Unlike Western princes, he was seldom or never seen by his subjects, who consequently cannot be expected to entertain much personal regard for one, who, however amiable he might have been, they were virtually unacquainted with. They paid him homage from afar, the homage due to exalted rank, and respected—almost venerated him—as the representative of a long line of rulers; but they could have no real affection for him. Allegiance to the dynasty with them means nothing more than acquiescence in the present order of things, which, bad as it is, is the majority of Chinamen consider better than anarchy. So, like another nation, they will be ready to exclaim: "The King is dead, long live the King!" With the turbulent minority, however, the monarch's death may not improbably be regarded as a favourable opportunity for raising the standard of revolt.

In consequence of Summary Jurisdiction Court cases being tried almost daily since the arrival in the colony of Mr. Justice Snowden there has been some difficulty in securing the attendance of Mr. Chun-ty-kwong at requests to act as interpreter. Yesterday his services were required again, but he refused to do so, and Mr. Justice Snowden gave it as his opinion that the Coroner's Inquest, being an inferior court to the Supreme Court, should give place, and not allow the interpreter to leave. The interpreter, however, attended the inquest during an adjournment at the Supreme Court, and remained there, on a note, and another inquest being demanded by the Supreme Court, Mr. Chun-ty-kwong is in the habit of attending both courts, and hence he is occasionally wanted in two places. As, however, he is not divisible, and serious delays are liable to arise in consequence, it would be well for the authorities to consider the advisability of appointing an interpreter specially for inquests. The want of a larger staff of reliable interpreters has long been felt in Hongkong. When will it be supplied?

The steamship *Legation* was towed round to the Aberdeen Dock yesterday afternoon. Attempts were made on Monday and yesterday to tow her up the river at high tide, but both proved unsuccessful.

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POLICE INTELLIGENCE

25th January.

BREXON JAMES RUSSELL, Esq.

ALL ABOUT THREE FISH.

Wong Ahong, a fisherman, a woman, and her old husband, were arrested by P.O. 838, for creating a great disturbance in the Western Market.

The first defendant said the other day the second defendant said to her that she had three fish. She went to another stall to get it weighed correctly, but she did not pay for it and did not return. He saw her on Monday and asked for the money, and when she created a great disturbance, and the old man came and took her part.

The second defendant said she paid for the fish at the time, and never went back to get it weighed. She went to another stall to get it weighed correctly, but she did not pay for it and did not return. He saw her on Monday and asked for the money, and when she created a great disturbance, and the old man came and took her part.

The first defendant was fined 25 cents, and the other two were discharged.

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CRUELTY AT SEA

several "maudslughters" and there was another which was brought before the magistrats of Lynn, which seems to us to tell, if it is true, almost more strongly against the culprit. It is reported that he did not kill anybody outright; apparently because, being only in command of a constabulary, he had not the time. But he was convicted, among other atrocities, of tying a rope to a man's wounded head, and "amusing himself" with tugging at it at intervals. When asked what he had done for himself, he answered that he did it "for a lark." The Mayor of Lynn thereupon remarked, with a patronizing indignation that was characteristic of his office, that he had ever heard of such a silly and unbecoming the criminal to pay a fine of ten shillings with arrears. After this was announced

SALES OF JANUARY 29TH, 1876.
As reported by Chinese.

Vermicelli, 40 bags, at \$6.60, by Kwong-sang-tye to travelling trader.

Dried Prawns, 20 bags, at \$13.00, by Kwong-sang-tye to travelling trader.

Red Dates, 100 bags, at Tls. 1.75, by Tai-fong-sing to travelling trader.

Lung Ngou Pulp, 20 packages, at Tls. 6.80, by Tai-fong-sing to travelling trader.

Almonds, 51 packages, at \$17.30, by Yuet-hing-long to travelling trader.

Black Peas, at \$45.00, by Kwong-fook-hong to travelling trader.

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